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SUBJ: ICAO: CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION ON BRIBERY
PROBLEM

1. AT SOCIAL OCCASION DURING RECENT MCGILL UNIVERSITY
AIR AND SPACE LAW INSTITUTE SEMINAR, PROFESSOR LOWENFELD OF NEW
YORK UNIVERSITY TALKED WITH MEMBERS ICAO SECRETARIAT ABOUT THE
NEED FOR SECRETARIAT TO PROPOSE ICAO ACTION AGAINST INTERNATIONAL
BRIBERY IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY. PROFESSOR LOWENFELD THEN TOLD
USREP WITH SOME ENTHUSIASM OF HIS IDEA. USREP EXPRESSED CONCERN
AND ALARM RE THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS SUBJECT. UKREP STANDING BY
WAS APPALLED AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE WHOLE THING BE
DROPPED BECAUSE "HE NEVER WELCOMES A SUBJECT WHICH REQUIRES
HIM TO CRITICIZE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER STATES."

2. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND USREP HOPES THE MATTER
STOPPED THERE. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT JAPAN AND NIGERIA ARE ON
COUNCIL AND THEIR STATES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS UNFOR-
TUNATE PROBLEM AREA, (ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT MFRS BRIBES), AND
COLOMBIA COUNCIL MEMBER WAS JUST RE-CALLED FOR SAME REASON, USREP
MUST ASSUME THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO CONSIDERATION IN DEPART-
MENT OF INITIATING ANYTHING ALONG THIS LINE IN ICAO. WE HOPE THAT
PROFESSOR LOWENFELD WAS IN FACT JUST ENTHUSIASTICALLY
"BRAINSTORMING" AN IDEA.

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